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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the heading at page 1, line 6, with the following rewritten version:

TECHNICAL FIELD (TECHNICAL FIELD)

Please replace the heading at page 1, line 10, with the following rewritten version:

BACKGROUND ART (BACKGROUND ART)

Please replace the heading at page 3, line 17, with the following rewritten version:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION (DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION)

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 11, with the following rewritten version:

According to a first aspect of the present invention, A method of determining the reusability of refrigerant using equipment or refrigerant lines according to claim 1
is a method that determines the reusability of refrigerant using equipment or refrigerant lines, and includes a first step and a second step. In the first step, residual material that remains inside refrigerant using equipment or refrigerant lines is applied to a check tool. In the second step, the reusability of the refrigerant using equipment

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or the refrigerant lines will be determined based upon the color of the check tool on which the residual material was applied.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 17, with the following rewritten version:

According to a second aspect of the present invention, the A method of determining the reusability of refrigerant using equipment or refrigerant lines according to claim 2 is the determining method disclosed in claim 1, of the first aspect of the present invention is provided, in which the check tool includes a first means on which the residual material will be applied, and a second means that displays a reference color that is a determination reference. Then, in the first step, the residual material is applied to the first means. In the second step, the color of the first means is compared to the reference color of the second means to perform a determination.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 2, with the following rewritten version:

According to a third aspect of the present invention, the A method of determining the reusability of refrigerant using equipment or refrigerant lines according to claim 3 is the determining method disclosed in claim 2 of the second aspect of the present invention is provided, in which the second means of the check tool displays a plurality of reference colors.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 15, with the following rewritten version:

According to a fourth aspect of the present invention, the A method of determining the reusability of refrigerant using equipment or refrigerant lines according to claim 4 is the determining method disclosed in claim 3 of the third aspect of the present invention is provided, in which the second means of the check tool displays a normal color and a boundary color. The normal color is a color that indicates that cleaning is unnecessary when reusing refrigerant using equipment or refrigerant lines. The boundary color is a color that is at a boundary that indicates that cleaning is necessary when reusing refrigerant using equipment or refrigerant lines.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 26, with the following rewritten version:

According to a fifth aspect of the present invention, the A method of determining the reusability of refrigerant using equipment or refrigerant lines according to claim 5 is the determining method disclosed in claim 3 of the third aspect of the present invention is provided, in which the second means of the check tool displays a first boundary color and a second boundary color. The first boundary color is a reference color for determining whether or not there is a need to clean the refrigerant using equipment or refrigerant lines. The second boundary color is a reference color for determining whether or not it is possible to use the refrigerant using equipment or refrigerant lines.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 15, with the following rewritten version:

According to a sixth aspect of the present invention, A check tool according to claim 6 is a check tool that is used with the method of determining the reusability of refrigerant using equipment or refrigerant lines disclosed in any of claims 2 to 5 of any of the second to fifth aspects of the present invention is provided, in which the first means and the second means are disposed near each other and are unitary.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 23, with the following rewritten version:

According to a seventh aspect of the present invention, the A method of determining the reusability of refrigerant using equipment or refrigerant lines according to claim 7 is the determining method disclosed in claim 1 of the first aspect of the present invention is provided, in which the check tool is a pH analysis tool that changes color by means of an acid or an alkali. Then, in the first step, residual material is applied to the pH analysis tool. In the second step, the degree of degradation of the residual material is estimated from the color of the pH analysis tool, and a determination with regard to the reusability of the refrigerant using equipment or the refrigerant lines is performed.

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Please replace the heading at page 7, line 11, with the following rewritten version:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS (BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS)

Please replace the heading at page 7, line 16, with the following rewritten version:

PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION (BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION)

Please replace the heading at page 15, line 21, with the following rewritten version:

INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY (INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY)

Please replace the heading at page 17, line 1, with the following rewritten version:

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: CLAIMS